

POLICY

Youths in residential facilities must receive appropriate dental care.

PURPOSE

This policy promotes healthy living through proper dental care for youth.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility must develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to the provision of dental care. At a minimum, SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Dental
Maintenance**

Staff must make fluoride toothpaste available for each youth.

Staff must assist disabled youths who are unable to perform daily oral hygiene.

A licensed dentist may prescribe preventative fluoride treatment in a form considered appropriate for the youth.

**Dental
Examination**

A licensed dentist must perform an initial dental examination within ninety (90) days of admission. This requirement may be waived if the youth has a documented examination within the previous 12 months.

The initial dental examination must include oral hygiene instruction and dental health education.

A licensed dentist must perform a dental exam of each youth at intervals not to exceed 12 months.

A licensed dentist must perform a release/transfer dental examination within 90 days preceding planned release or transfer to a non-secure placement.

A licensed dentist must provide treatment to restore and/or preserve the youth's oral health. If a youth with pending treatment must be transferred or released, the facility director must coordinate with the dentist to make provisions for treatment at the next placement.

Dental Cleaning

Dental cleaning must be performed within ninety (90) days of admission and repeated at intervals not to exceed six months. The 90 day admission requirement may be waived if the youth has a cleaning documented within the previous six months.

Dental cleaning must be performed within 90 days preceding planned transfer to a non-secure facility or release.

AUTHORITY

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